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B.C. not ready for pipelines, says MP

Environment. 'Big void' in spill protection has New Democrat wary of proposed mega-projects

Xenoa Skinteh fortifies a shelter on Burnaby Mountain Thursday. Protesters are hoping to block Kinder Morgan from resuming surveying work in the conservation area. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Neither British Columbia nor the federal government are prepared for the potential risk posed by Enbridge's Northern Gateway and Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain projects, according to Burnaby-Douglas MP Kennedy Stewart.

The NDP critic for science and technology says the two mega-projects need to be viewed with a "different lens" because of their size and in light of a B.C. Ministry of Environment email that states there are already "hundreds of spills on (an) annual basis where gaps occurred or improvements are needed."

The province's environment minister has since admitted B.C.'s land-based spill-response plan and polluter-pay model "isn't strong enough."

He says the problem is exacerbated by Ottawa, where up to 4,000 scientists have been fired since 2011 and nearly $1 billion has been slashed from agencies tasked with protecting the environment and enforcing regulations.

"Changes to scientific capacity in federal government has diminished greatly our ability to respond," he said. "There's a big void now where you have to really rely on these giant multinational companies.... I'm skeptical about their self-reporting on spills; it's almost voluntary."

There have been 82 reported spills along the existing Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline since 1961, totalling 39,812 barrels of crude oil.

That's twice as much as the 2010 spill in Michigan's Kalamazoo River — the worst on-land oil spill in U.S. history — though Kinder Morgan says 69 per cent of the spills occurred at Trans Mountain pump stations or terminals and that some of the spills were "below the reportable threshold."

Stewart says the high rate of troubling incidents should be a warning as companies prepare export projects "of the kind that B.C. has never seen."

Kinder Morgan's proposed $5-billion expansion would nearly triple the capacity of the pipeline that carries crude oil from near Edmonton to the Vancouver area to be loaded on tankers.

The project is before the National Energy Board.

Kinder Morgan has been conducting surveying on Burnaby Mountain as it explores its preferred route. Those efforts have been delayed this week by a group of protesters camping at the site.

The March 31, 2014, email, raised in the legislature this week by NDP MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert, lists a number of examples where companies have under-reported the extent of spills, hired unqualified clean-up crews or could have walked away from restoration efforts.

Kinder Morgan was cited twice in the email — for a spill at its Sumas tank farm where "no air monitoring or sampling was done" to ensure public safety was not at risk, and to highlight weak regulations that don't require compensation for the closure of public parks and beaches after the 2007 pipeline rupture in Burnaby.

No one at the company was available to comment, but Kinder Morgan sent Metro a statement claiming that despite the contents of the email, it did have air-monitoring specialists on hand at the Sumas tank farm and that "results were provided to the National Energy Board, who in turn shared the report with the B.C. Ministry of Environment and the Fraser Health Authority."

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TWU.
B.C. lawyers vote against accrediting

British Columbia lawyers have voted against accrediting Trinity Western University's controversial law school.

The results of a Law Society of B.C. referendum were released late Thursday, with 5,951 lawyers voting against recognizing the Langley, B.C., Christian-based institution as an approved school of law.

Of the 8,039 valid ballots cast in this month's referendum, only 2,088 voted in favour of accrediting the school.

The referendum required a two-thirds majority vote from at least one-third of 13,530 eligible lawyers.

Trinity Western's School of Law will be the first private, faith-based law school in Canada, but it has been met by strong opposition from gay and lesbian rights groups over a "community covenant" that all TWU students are required to sign.

The covenant mandates, among other Christian values, that students refrain from sex except in the context of a heterosexual marriage.

The proposed law school — slated to open in 2016 — has received approval from both the Federation of Law Societies of Canada and the province of British Columbia to operate.

The Law Society of B.C.'s Benchers initially voted 20 to 7 to accredit and recognize graduates of the school, but that decision was overturned in a non-binding vote at a June special general meeting.

Law societies in New Brunswick, Alberta and Saskatchewan have already voted to accredit the school, while those in Ontario and Nova Scotia have voted against it.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

The highly regulated taxi industry is threatened by Uber's plans to enter the Vancouver market. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Uber may return from the dead on Halloween

Trick or treat? Transport minister warns rideshare company of 'significant consequences' if it goes ahead with its plans

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When all the vampires and nurses stumble out of Granville Street clubs on Halloween, Uber might be waiting to drive them home.

Rumours are floating that Uber, a company that connects drivers and passengers using a smartphone app and skirts taxi industry rules, plans to relaunch in Vancouver on Friday, a night where it will be difficult to get a cab when late-night revellers celebrate in costume.

Uber, which backed out of B.C. two years ago when the province classified it as a limousine service and forced it to charge at least $75 a ride, has started planning its comeback over the past couple of months by meeting with city and provincial staff and posting job advertisements for drivers and managers.

But its return won't be met with open arms, Transportation Minister Todd Stone told reporters Thursday.

"We have laws in this province," Stone said. "Uber and other companies like it are going to have to adhere to those same rules."

Uber refuses to play by taxi rules by presenting itself as a technology company. It operates in the more than 200 cities, varies fares based on time of day and demand, and lets drivers and customers rank each other. Customers and drivers never exchange cash or payment, which is handled directly through the app.

Drivers are not trained or specially licensed and their cars do not require the same level of scrutiny as cabs.

If Uber opts to proceed and not engage with B.C.'s Passenger Transportation Branch, Stone said there would be "significant consequences."

A driver providing a taxi service without a licence can be fined up to $1,000 and people in the vehicles will not be covered by insurance in case of an accident, Stone said. If Uber continues regardless, the province will issue a cease-and-desist notice that could lead to legal action.

Vancouver Coun. Geoff Meggs, who met with Uber representatives in September, hasn't received any information about Uber's plans for Friday but said the company has given every indication it doesn't mind flouting the rules.

Meggs understands passengers' desire for more service, although he added the taxi industry has created an app and must follow strict safety rules, including emissions standards and inspections.

Uber did not return a request for comment by Metro's deadline, keeping the mystery of its launch date alive for at least another day.

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Community leader. B.C. appoints Shawn Atleo as its first Shqwi qwal

Shawn Alteo THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shawn Atleo has listened to grandmothers in the Arctic, heard the concerns of the youth in his home village of Ahousaht on the West Coast of Vancouver Island and felt Ottawa's cold winters and its harsh politics, making him ideal for the new British Columbia position of Shqwi qwal.

A Shqwi qwal, pronounced she-qwall, is a West Coast aboriginal name given to a community leader who helps build new paths and relations.

B.C. Premier Christy Clark said that there is no better connected, respected or qualified aboriginal communicator in Canada as she appointed Atleo as Canada's first Shqwi qwal at a ceremony at Vancouver Island University on Thursday.

The former Assembly of First Nations National Chief said it was time to come home and embrace a moment in history where British Columbia must engage in deep and vulnerable discussions between its aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ben Chin. Clark's staffer fined $500 for failing to take name off lobby list

The communications manager for B.C. Premier Christy Clark has been fined $500 for failing to take his name off the lobbying registry after he went to work for her.

Ben Chin says he simply forgot that his name was on the registry and he's sorry he set off an investigation by the Registrar of Lobbyists.

Chin says he was hired by Air Miles for Social Change and, while he wasn't doing much work in B.C., he registered as a precaution in case he spoke to a minister in the province.

He says that a month later, in December 2012, he was offered a job in Clark's office, got busy, and failed to take his name off the lobby list.

The Office of the registrar of Lobbyists says Chin should have removed his name from the list after 30 days, but it took him more than seven months to update his file.

Darrel Woods, an investigator within the registrar, concluded in his report that the contravention resulted from inattention and that there was no evidence that Chin gained economically from breaking the rules. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manslaughter

Man charged in Surrey stabbing death

A man has been arrested in connection with the June stabbing death of Mandepaak (Deepak) Chahal in Surrey.

On Wednesday afternoon, Sukhpreet (Jesse) Shergill, 20, of Surrey was arrested and was charged with one count of manslaughter in Chahal's death.

He was expected to make his first court appearance Thursday afternoon in Surrey provincial court. METRO

North Vancouver

Man killed on Highway 1 was running in traffic: RCMP

Traffic investigators say a man killed Wednesday on Highway 1 in North Vancouver was running on the freeway when a vehicle struck him.

According to the RCMP, the 29-year-old North Vancouver man crossed the westbound lanes on foot, climbed the centre median and then ran west in the eastbound lane. The man has not been publicly identified by police. METRO

NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Donor lists will be public before election

Disclosure. NPA, Vision say they'll release names of those who gave money to campaigns

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Nothing like a little peer pressure to give voters a glimpse into who is donating to Vancouver's political parties before they head to the polls.

The Non-Partisan Association will disclose its list of campaign donors by Nov. 7, the party announced on Thursday afternoon.

"I have said transparency is my policy hill to die on and so it is only right that our party follows through and discloses our campaign donor list before the election," NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe said in a statement.

Less than an hour later, the city's ruling party Vision Vancouver promised to release a list of its campaign donors this weekend.

Both parties had previously refused to do so, instead planning to follow provincial rules that would see them disclose their donors within 120 days after the Nov. 15 election.

The change in tone comes after LaPointe accused Vision Mayor Gregor Robertson of corrupt dealings with CUPE Local 1004. The union donated $102,000 to Vision's campaign after Coun. Geoff Meggs said the mayor had re-committed to not contracting out more workers.

Regardless of the accusation, municipal politics in Vancouver has seen out of control spending and donations in the past decade in the absence of provincial campaign finance limits.

Both Vision and the NPA accept money from developers — the NPA received the largest donation in Canadian politics with a $960,000 contribution in 2011 — prompting widespread concerns that the city is in developers' pockets.

The province claims it will set limits for the 2018 election after consultation, although it's not clear why it didn't simply mimic rules from elsewhere in Canada in time for this term. (Toronto caps donations at $2,500 for mayoral candidates and $750 per councillor.)

"In contrast to the NPA, Vision has long advocated for the necessary provincial changes to make comprehensive campaign finance reform," Mayor Robertson said in a statement.

The Vision-dominated council has consistently lobbied the province to change its rules, but voted against a Green Party motion to agree upon its own rules before this election. At the time, it said it wanted to make sure everyone played by the same, legally enforceable legislation.

COPE told Metro it would reveal its donors at the same time as Vision and the NPA, so voters will get the chance to see their supporters as well.

Oil-and-gas incentives cost B.C. $1.25B: AG

British Columbia's auditor general says doing business with the oil-and-gas industry has cost the province's coffers about $1.25 billion in royalties even before most of the product has been pulled from the ground.

The incentives to be paid to the industry were just some of the items highlighted Thursday by auditor general Carol Bellringer in her 2013-2014 summary of B.C.'s financial statements.

Bellringer also noted how much money the government made from selling its assets, how much it paid in interest on debt accumulated through public-private partnerships, and she even took issue with government accounting methods.

"The bottom line is certainly an important element of looking at a set of financial statements, but there's a huge amount of rich information that can be taken out of the financial statements," she said in an interview.

"I hope that the report does show that, you know, there are lots of things that need to be very carefully looked at in a set of financial statements."

Among Bellringer's items that she said "tell an interesting story" are the incentives given in the form of credits to the oil-and-gas sector. The incentives are designed to encourage the production of oil and gas.

Bellringer said the industry has accumulated $1.25 billion in credits over about five years, and last year alone that figure hit $587 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MLA pushes for poverty reduction

Michelle Mungall. NDP MLA tables private member's bill that aims to reduce poverty and increase economic stability

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With Saskatchewan's decision last week to develop a poverty-reduction strategy, British Columbia is now the only remaining Canadian province without a similar plan — a failure a New Democrat MLA says needs to be addressed.

Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall tabled a private member's bill Thursday that she said aims to reduce poverty and increase economic stability for people in need.

"Saskatchewan has the second-lowest poverty rate in the country. For the last 13 years, B.C. has had the highest poverty rate in the country," Mungall told the legislature. "Yet this government stubbornly refuses to legislate a comprehensive poverty reduction plan with targets and timelines."

The law, if passed, would see the government develop a comprehensive poverty-reduction plan within a year with legislated targets to reduce poverty.

Mungall said fighting poverty is an issue near and dear to her after spending two years working at a food bank.

In an interview, she recalled single mothers, many of whom were on disability and unable to work, visiting the food bank with their children.

Mungall urged British Columbians to contact their local MLAs and encourage them to support a poverty-reduction strategy in this province.

Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall, pictured here at a food bank, tabled a private member's bill Thursday that aims to reduce poverty in B.C. COURTESY MICHELLE MUNGALL

Quoted

"It's just awful to know that somebody's children are ... going to be hungry."

Michelle Mungall, Nelson-Creston MLA, on food bank shortages

Stephanie Cadieux

Plan is 'no guarantee of success'

Stephanie Cadieux, minister of children and family development, said the government has already implemented poverty-fighting measures in the form of job creation for parents and child-care subsidies for families who are living in poverty.

"Having a legislated poverty plan, as we have recently observed in Ontario, is no guarantee of success."

3 sentenced for manslaughter

Dain Phillips was beaten unconscious and left twitching on the ground in the middle of a street in Kelowna as his sons watched helplessly, over a childish feud they were in with a set of brothers.

On Thursday, three young men who may not have laid a hand on the 51-year-old father during the June 12, 2011, confrontation were handed prison sentences for the roles they did play in his death.

Quoted

"Daniel McRae did not have much of a conscience to guide him."

B.C. Supreme Court Judge Mark McEwan

"Dain Phillips was killed by at least two members of the Hells Angels who attacked him with a hammer and a baseball bat. They rendered him unconscious in a matter of seconds," B.C. Supreme Court Judge Mark McEwan said.

"Mr. Phillips did not offer any resistance. He died the next day."

Daniel McRae, who was just 19 at the time, was sentenced to five years, less 80 days he spent in pre-trial custody. Daniel McRae was the instigator of the assault and set up the fatal meeting, the judge noted.

His 21-year-old brother, Matthew McRae, was sentenced to three and a half years less 77 days for a lesser but still culpable role. He followed the younger sibling to a confrontation he knew would bring bodily harm to the victim, the judge said.

Their friend, Anson Schell, received a three-year sentence, less 63 days for pre-trial custody. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The remains of a pig carcass in Saanich Inlet, B.C., which SFU researchers have been studying to assess scavenger activity and what happens to the submerged bones over time. COURTESY SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Criminals who watch too much Dexter may think the way to get away with murder is to dump the body in the sea.

But, according to new research from Simon Fraser University, it all depends on the ocean's oxygen levels, said SFU criminologist Gail Anderson, who led the study published recently in PLOS One, which is the first to investigate what happens to bodies when they are immersed in the sea.

"Police were always asking me what happens when we get a body in water," she told Metro. "I've been working in forensic homicide cases now for 25 years, but … we just didn't have any answers."

Deploying three pig carcasses into the waters of Saanich Inlet at a depth of 100 metres over the past three years, researchers placed live cameras and sensors in front of the carcasses to monitor oxygen levels, temperature, pressure, salinity and density.

The team used pig carcasses because they are roughly the size of a human torso, have no hair and their guts hold similar bacteria to humans.

Working with the Victoria Experimental Network Under the Sea, or VENUS, a cabled underwater laboratory, researchers found the two pig carcasses were reduced to skeletons within a month, with a similar response from marine scavengers.

But the third, said Anderson, surprised researchers by remaining intact for several months.

The difference, she said, was in the oxygen levels.

For most of the year, Saanich Inlet is a hypoxic environment, meaning it is deficient of oxygen, but at times, the water is anoxic, meaning it is completely without oxygen. That kept out all the big marine scavengers, like shrimp and Dungeness crab, she said.

Anderson said the study's findings are important for police investigations, as scientists can now distinguish between marks on a body caused by a marine predator or a human.

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Perjury trial hears of alleged meeting between Mounties in Dziekanski case

A former RCMP officer's perjury trial heard allegations Thursday that the four Mounties involved in Robert Dziekanski's death gathered for a private meeting in the weeks before testifying at a public inquiry.

But a defence lawyer immediately attempted to cast doubt on the Crown's star witness — whose former spouse is related to one of the officers — suggesting the passage of time has caused her to mix up key dates and events.

Former corporal Benjamin (Monty) Robinson is one of four officers who confronted Dziekanski the night the Polish immigrant was stunned with a Taser and died at Vancouver's airport in October 2007.

Robinson, 44, who has since left the force, is accused of lying at a public inquiry looking into Dziekanski's death.

The Crown's theory is that the officers colluded before speaking to homicide investigators immediately following Dziekanski's death and then again before the inquiry, fabricating a story to justify their actions.

Janice Norgard, who once lived with a cousin of Const. Bill Bentley, testified that Bentley, Robinson and the two other officers involved in the case met at her home in late January or early February of 2009.

Benjamin (Monty) Robinson DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Crown alleges the officers held the meeting to prepare their testimony. Bentley was the first officer to testify, appearing at the inquiry on Feb. 25 of that year.

Norgard said she was in the process of separating from Bentley's cousin, Brian Dietrich, who by then wasn't living at their house in Richmond, south of Vancouver, full time.

She testified Dietrich told her Bentley and the other officers needed to use her kitchen for a meeting.

Within a day or two, the officers arrived and Bentley introduced her to Robinson, Const. Kwesi Millington and Const. Gerry Rundel, she said.

Norgard said she went upstairs to work, returning only once during the meeting to get some coffee.

She saw the officers alone, without Dietrich, though she did not hear what they were talking about, she said.

Norgard said she didn't think of the meeting again until last summer, after reading a news report that Bentley had been acquitted of perjury. Bentley was the first of the four officers to stand trial.

Defence lawyer David Crossin suggested Norgard's timeline was incorrect. While Norgard insisted she and Dietrich were no longer living together by the time the meeting happened, Crossin showed the court affidavits from Norgard and Dietrich's separation proceedings, in which she said Dietrich didn't move out until March or April.

Crossin suggested the meeting actually occurred in May of that year, as much as two months after Robinson, who was the final officer to appear at the inquiry, had wrapped up his testimony. Robinson has pleaded not guilty. His trial is expected to resume next week.

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RCMP requests for telecom data poorly tracked

Annual report. Daniel Therrien says he couldn't tell how often the Mounties collected subscriber data without a warrant

Privacy watchdog Daniel Therrien
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The privacy watchdog is calling on federal authorities to keep better track of informal requests to telecommunications companies for subscriber data after finding shoddy record-keeping at the RCMP.

In his annual report tabled Thursday, privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien said shortcomings in the RCMP's information management systems meant he was unable to tell whether proper controls were in place.

It was impossible to determine how often the Mounties collected subscriber data without a warrant, Therrien said. As a result, his office could not assess whether such requests were justified.

Privacy and civil liberties advocates have raised concerns about the ability of police and intelligence agencies to gain access to details of the public's online activities, particularly given revelations about widespread surveillance by government agencies. People understand that law-enforcement and national security agencies have legitimate need to collect personal details, Therrien said.

The Mounties have agreed to bring in a system to monitor and report on warrantless requests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HMCS Athabaskan returns after 7 weeks

Bryce Fitzpatrick waves do his dad aboard the HMCS Athabaskan as it returns to Halifax on Thursday after a seven-week deployment in the Caribbean. The Athabaskan docked in Halifax after 53 days away from home and 37 days at sea as part of Operation CARIBBE, a multinational campaign targeting illicit trafficking by organized crime in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific ocean. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

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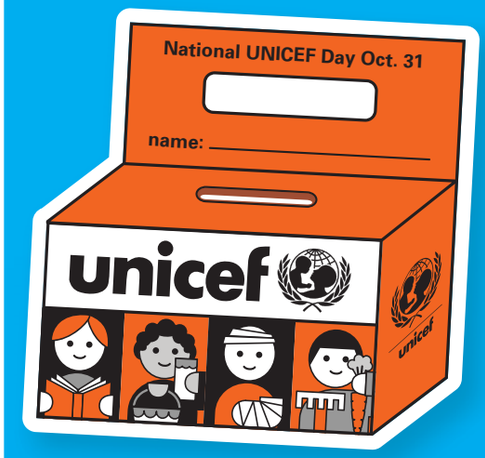

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Feds unveil family tax credits, benefits

Families first. Conservatives' taxation and child-care pledge aims to put more money in Canadians' pockets

Prime Minister Stephen Harper does arts and crafts with a student at the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus in Vaughan, Ont., on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is pressing ahead with income splitting for families with kids under 18 — a multibillion-dollar Conservative election promise from 2011 that critics have said would benefit too few Canadians.

To address that complaint, the Conservative government is also boosting the universal child-care benefit — $160 a month for kids under six, up from $100, plus a new monthly benefit of $60 for children aged six through 17, effective in 2015.

"Our goal has always been to make sure that Canada is the best country in the world in which to raise a family," said Harper during a campaign-style event in Vaughan, Ont.

"Our government is utterly convinced of one thing: When it comes to the cost of raising a family, Canada's moms and dads deserve all of the help that we can give them."

The government is also adding $1,000 to the various limits on the child-care expense deduction, which allows taxpayers to claim child-care expenses incurred in order to work or go to school. This measure carries an estimated cost of $15 million in 2014-15 and $65 million in 2015-16.

Harper repeatedly hammered home the message that the entire suite of measures would benefit all Canadian families with children.

And he acknowledged the whopping price tag, which he said the government would well be able to afford.

"At the same time, we're doing this in a way that ensures that the things we promised in the last election will actually reach people in the life of this Parliament."

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Family Tax Cut

The Conservative government's Family Tax Cut will allow eligible taxpayers to transfer up to $50,000 of income to his or her spouse for tax purposes.

- **Annual credit.** Under the government's plan a non-refundable tax credit of $2,000 can be collected.
- **Cash for families.** Aside from income splitting, the government's pledges to also increase the monthly child-care benefit to $160 for children under the age of six and introduce a $60 monthly benefit to families with children aged six to 17 will further help parents.
- **Stephen Harper.** "Under the plan we announced today, every single Canadian family with children will benefit. Everyone will have more money in their pockets."
- **Total costs.** The prime minister said the government's measures will cost $3.1 billion in 2014-15 and $4.5 billion in 2015-16.

Ex-Calgary teacher's fears mount as prosecutors prepare charges

Neil Bantleman
CONTRIBUTED

Neil Bantleman said Thursday from his Jakarta cell that he fears for his safety as Indonesian prosecutors prepare to lay sexual abuse charges against the former Calgary teacher.

"I would like to ask the government to assist me in anyway possible as I have little confidence in the judicial system here and am very concerned about receiving a fair trial," he wrote in a message to Metro.

On Wednesday, his brother Guy Bantleman told reporters he's learned the case police have said they're building against Neil has been turned over to prosecutors and it's likely charges would be laid by week's end.

Neil has adamantly denied accusations that he sexually abused kindergarten-aged children at the Jakarta International School, where he and his wife, Tracy, work. Both he and another teacher taken into custody at the same time in July have received support from thousands around the world.

Fears have also emerged that Neil will be transferred from a minimum-security cell in Jakarta to a maximum-security site that his brother has said will be filled with gangsters, rapists and murderers.

Neil said in his messages he hadn't received formal word of a transfer, but fears the nature of the charges against him could make him a target.

"I am very concerned for my safety as we enter a new jail with horrible allegations placed against us," he said, referring to himself and fellow teacher Ferdinand Tijong.

Neil said his lawyers are trying to obtain the evidence that Jakarta police intend to bring against him in court.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Moncton killer may face precedent-setting sentence

Justin Bourque. Crown seeking maximum sentence — 75 years without eligibility to apply for parole

Justin Bourque's killing of three Mounties has been described in court as one of the worst crimes in Canadian history, prompting recommendations from Crown and defence lawyers for the harshest sentence in more than 50 years.

Judge David Smith, chief justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in New Brunswick, is scheduled to sentence the 24-year-old Friday, four months after Bourque used a semi-automatic rifle to fatally shoot three officers and wound two others in Moncton's north end.

Bourque pleaded guilty in August to three counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder.

The Crown is seeking the maximum sentence — 75 years without eligibility to apply for parole — under a section of the Criminal Code that was amended in 2011.

Prior to that, Bourque would have been handed an automatic life sentence with no chance at parole for 25 years, the mandatory penalty for one or more convictions of first-degree murder.

Earlier this week, defence lawyer David Lutz said his client, having admitted to the crimes in a detailed, three-hour statement to police, has argued that a 50-year parole ineligibility period would be fair. Lutz had little else to say on his client's behalf, except that Bourque has a defective thought process and inadequate social skills.

If Smith accepts either the Crown or defence recommendations, the sentence would be the harshest since Canada's last executions in 1962.

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Justin Bourque depicted in an artist's sketch CAROL TAYLOR/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jack-o-protest

Outside the Prime Minister's Office, volunteers with Ecology Ottawa show off their Halloween protest pumpkins as they flank Cameron Fenton, a "Canadian tar sands organizer," with 350.org (Fenton holds a pumpkin carved with words "No Energy East," the same message spelled out in the individual pumpkins). The group opposes a plan by TransCanada to send oil by pipeline from Western Canada to reception points in Eastern Canada. New segments of the pipeline will have to be added. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO IN OTTAWA

Up only $61 per person

Health spending increase smallest in 17 years

A new report says Canada will pay only $61 more per person this year for health care compared to last year's expenditures.

The report says the increase in health spending was the lowest in 17 years and amounts to only a 2.1 per cent rise.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information says Canada is expected to spend just under $215 billion this year on health care, which works out to $6,045 per person.

That spending level puts Canada eighth among the countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the OECD.

The three territories, which often have to fly residents south for medical care, spend substantially more per person than provinces do.

Nunavut will spend the most, at just over $13,160 a person, while Quebec is expected to spend the least, at $5,616.

The public purse picks up about 70 per cent of the cost of health care in Canada. The remaining 30 per cent comes from out-of-pocket payments by individuals and private health insurance.

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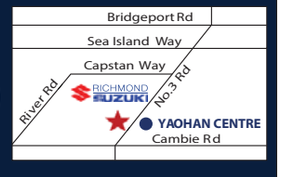

Montreal. Quebec police bring home the Bacon after a week of hog havoc

Bacon the pig is no longer a ham on the lam.

He was snared Thursday morning by animal protection officials after keeping them and Quebec provincial police on the hunt for days.

The cagy critter had escaped from his home in St-Hyacinthe, east of Montreal, on Sunday and a dragnet was launched.

But Bacon seemed to move like greased lightning when pursuers were around.

"The animal had been seen a few times during the week but it was impossible to catch him," said provincial police Sgt. Joyce Kemp.

A photo of one pursuit posted on a radio station website shows the fleet-footed porker darting away from an official.

Some residents reported that hog havoc was wreaked on local lawns but Kemp was unable to confirm that.

On Thursday, police and animal control began to bore in on their prey and a trap was set. "They were able to catch him and the pig is fine," said Kemp.

Despite being called Bacon, that isn't a prediction of the pig's future. "It's not like a farm animal," Kemp said. "It's really like a pet."

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Cop chase

Bacon's breakout isn't the Quebec provincial force's first animal roundup.

- **Mink mayhem.** In August, officers were called when 3,000 minks were set loose at a fur farm.
- **Tiger tale.** One of their most intense hunts was in 2010 when a tiger and two camels from an Ontario zoo were snatched in their trailers by thieves.

Fighting cancer with stripes

Gretchen Wagner shows off some of the zebrafish at Dalhousie University's new research lab in Halifax on Thursday afternoon. The new facility currently has more than 10,000 zebrafish, with capacity for up to 75,000, and will be used as part of a cancer research study. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Edmonton

Homeless pianist a hit on YouTube

A woman is hoping to find a man believed to be homeless whom she discovered playing a street piano in downtown Edmonton.

Roslyn Polard says she was amazed last week by the dishevelled man's music, while others who stood by listening were brought to tears.

She recorded one of his songs on her cellphone and posted it on YouTube, where it has garnered nearly 2 million hits.

She says the video now has ads attached and is making money that she wants to give to the piano prodigy.

But all she knows is that his name is Ryan and she hasn't seen him since his amazing outdoor concert.

A spokesman with an Edmonton agency that helps the poor and homeless says Ryan was a client but hasn't been helped since last year.

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CBC execs mum on Ghomeshi

Jian Ghomeshi arrives on the green carpet for the Juno Gala in Winnipeg on March 29. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Staying silent. How much did they know? Head honchos refuse to speak publicly about allegations of violence

Top brass at the CBC are silent on what they knew, and when, about allegations of violence and sexual harassment against disgraced radio host Jian Ghomeshi.

President Hubert Lacroix, executive vice-president of English services Heather Conway and head of radio Chris Boyce did not return multiple requests for comment on Thursday, the same day the CBC told staff it was hiring an external firm to investigate allegations against Ghomeshi within the firm and offering counselling.

"Given that these matters are now before the courts and the grievance arbitration process, we will be limited in our communications," CBC spokesman Chuck Thompson said in an email to Torstar News Service.

"We look forward to the opportunity to fully disclose the facts of these matters. We are extremely confident that CBC will be seen to have acted very quickly when we concluded that we could not continue our employment relationship with Jian Ghomeshi.... We believe that the information will demonstrate that the CBC acted as a prudent and responsible employer."

While CBC executives have not spoken publicly, they are communicating with staff about the Ghomeshi allegations. In a memo announcing the third-party investigation and counselling, Conway called Torstar and CBC reports "extremely disturbing and of great concern to all of us."

She praised the "professionalism" of staff and reminded them that while they are not prevented from responding to reporters' questions, they should not feel obligated.

It isn't just current CBC managers staying mum. Kirstine Stewart, in charge of English services from 2011 to 2013 and now a VP at Twitter, told Torstar in a tweet to contact the site's PR department, which did not return a request for comment.

Former CBC president Robert Rabinovitch, at the CBC helm from 1999 to 2007, and Denise Donlon, head of radio from 2008 to 2011, did not return requests for comment.

Only Richard Stursberg, executive vice-president of English services from 2004 to 2010, talked to Torstar. He was in charge in 2007, when Q was born.

"There was never any conversation or indication at the time that there was anything problematic about his behaviour," said Stursberg.

"I was saddened for the CBC, I was saddened for Jian's career, and sad for the women ..." said Stursberg on the allegations.

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CBC's union

The union representing CBC employees is also keeping a tight lid on information, after it announced Wednesday that one CBC employee who spoke with Torstar did not report her allegations to a union representative, but rather a colleague who was a union volunteer.

- The union said this person was not given the details the woman shared with Torstar.

Prince Charles. Royal donates to families of slain Canadian soldiers

Prince Charles has made what is being described as a substantial donation to the families of the two Canadian soldiers killed recently in separate attacks.

Clarence House confirmed a donation was made to the True Patriot Love Foundation, which is managing the flood of money coming in through the Stand on Guard Fund. The contribution was made explicitly for the families of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent.

The Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation isn't revealing the amount of the donation, but a source close to the matter called it "substantial."

The Stand on Guard Fund was created in the wake of last Wednesday's fatal shooting of reservist Cpl. Nathan Cirillo in front of the National War Memorial in Ottawa. Donations can be made through standonguardfund.com.

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Toronto

Two charged in $3M credit card scam

A Toronto man and woman are facing multiple charges in connection with an alleged credit card fraud that stretched over three years and amounted to more than $3 million.

It's alleged that between May 2011 and August 2014, the suspects applied online for more than 100 credit cards using other people's names.

Police say the pair targeted Home Depot Canada, purchasing gift cards, appliances, home renovation products and other items, and that payments were made using not-sufficient-fund cheques.

Police say a search warrant was executed on their home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jian Ghomeshi dropped by PR firms

Last week, Jian Ghomeshi was a media star, now he's waging the public opinion war solo: Both his crisis communications firm and traditional public relations firm severed ties with the former Q star Thursday.

Ghomeshi issued only a brief statement on Thursday, after the detailed accounts of how he allegedly strangled, hit or demeaned eight women hit the news cycle. The count has since risen to nine and the alleged violence has sparked a discussion about sexual violence and rape culture in Canada.

"I want to thank you for your support and assure you that I intend to meet these allegations directly. I don't intend to discuss this matter any further with the media," wrote the former media darling on Facebook.

Ghomeshi's previous Facebook post, published preemptive of the initial allegations, claimed CBC fired him only for having kinky sex and blamed a "jilted" ex for orchestrating a campaign against him. The post is widely suspected to have been done with the help of Navigator, the high-stakes public strategy and communications firm he hired, which is known for representing high-profile clients in serious trouble, including former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant after the death of cyclist Darcy Sheppard and former prime minister Brian Mulroney in the Airbus scandal.

However, Navigator announced late Thursday it is no longer representing Ghomeshi.

"In response to numerous media requests, Navigator confirms it does not advise Jian Ghomeshi. Regrettably, the circumstances of our engagement have changed and we are no longer able to continue," the company said in a statement.

It was a break in strategy for the strategy firm, as only a few hours earlier a Navigator spokesperson told Metro: "We never confirm or deny who our clients are, nor do we speak about them."

Rock-it Promotions, which had a longstanding PR relationship with Ghomeshi, announced it also had severed ties with him.

Public strategy and communications firm Navigator, which represented former prime minister Brian Mulroney in the Airbus scandal, announced it is no longer representing Jian Ghomeshi. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Siri Agrell, vice-president of communications firm Pilot PMR, said she believes both companies were put in a difficult position by Ghomeshi.

"Like the rest of us, there was no way they could have known the extent of the situation, and how serious it is.

"As the evidence grew, it became clear that Jian doesn't need a PR firm, Jian needs legal advice," she said.

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Nurse defies Ebola quarantine

Maine. Kaci Hickox, who spent time treating patients in Sierra Leone, was the first forced into New Jersey's mandatory quarantine

A nurse who vowed to defy Maine's voluntary quarantine for health-care workers who treated Ebola patients followed through on her promise Thursday, leaving her home for an hour-long bike ride.

Kaci Hickox and her boyfriend stepped out of their home Thursday morning and rode away on mountain bikes, followed by a state police cruiser.

It was the second time Hickox broke quarantine. She left her home Wednesday evening briefly to speak to reporters, even shaking a hand that was offered to her.

Hickox contends there's no need for quarantine because she's showing no symptoms. She's also tested negative for the deadly disease.

"I really hope that we can work things out amicably and continue to negotiate," she said Thursday morning while riding on a dirt trail.

There was no immediate comment from state health officials, who were going to court to detain Hickox for the remainder of the 21-day incubation period for Ebola that ends on Nov. 10.

"There's a lot of misinformation about how Ebola is transmitted, and I can understand why people are frightened. But their fear is not based on medical facts," Norman Siegel, one of her attorneys, said Wednesday.

Hickox, who treated Ebola patients while volunteering in Sierra Leone with Doctors Without Borders, was the first person forced into New Jersey's mandatory quarantine for people arriving at the Newark airport from three West African countries. Hickox spent the weekend in a tent in New Jersey she shares with her boyfriend.

President Barack Obama warned that overly restrictive measures imposed upon returning health-care workers could discourage them from volunteering in Africa.

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Legality and guidelines

Generally, states have broad authority when it comes to such matters. But Maine health officials could have a tough time convincing a judge that Hickox poses a threat, said attorney Jackie L. Caynon III, who specializes in health law in Worcester, Mass.

- Guidelines from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend daily monitoring for health-care workers like Hickox who have come into contact with Ebola patients. But some states like Maine are going above and beyond those guidelines.

Nurse Kaci Hickox leaves her home on a rural road in Fort Kent, Maine, for a bike ride with her boyfriend on Thursday. ROBERT F. BUKATY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea to crack down on tourists over fears of Ebola virus

North Korea announced Thursday it will quarantine foreigners entering the country for 21 days over fears of the spread of the Ebola virus, even though no cases of the disease have been reported anywhere in Asia, and very few foreigners are allowed to enter.

North Korea is always on guard against outside influences, but now that it perceives the deadly disease to be a threat, its anxiety has reached a new level. It has banned tourists, put business groups on hold and is looking even more suspiciously than usual at every foreign face coming across its borders.

Case in point: When a high-level delegation from Japan arrived in Pyongyang this week, two of the first people they met were dressed in full hazmat gear. The steps also send a message to the North Korean people to be very afraid of the outside world and of outside influences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2018 World Cup. FIFA regrets video that shows Crimea part of Russia

FIFA has expressed regret on Thursday after its video launching the logo for the 2018 World Cup showed the disputed Crimean peninsula as part of Russia.

The video, broadcast as the logo was beamed onto Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre on Tuesday, included a map of host nation Russia, including Crimea.

Russia annexed the Crimean peninsula in March to fierce opposition from many Western governments. The Ukrainian government still claims Crimea as part of its territory.

The original video has been removed from FIFA's YouTube channel and replaced with an edited version excluding the two-second sequence in which the map of Russia was shown.

The video angered some Ukrainian commentators.

Markiyan Lubkivskiy, who directed Ukraine's preparations to host Euro 2012 and is now an adviser to the head of the Ukrainian security services, called for legal action in an online post and suggested the video could aid the cause of pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine. "Lawyers, get ready," he wrote. "If we don't react toughly to things like this, then soon nothing will be left of us." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online deals

Philly police turn department lobby, parking lot into 'safe zone' for online transactions

A police department in suburban Philadelphia has created a "safe zone" for people to complete transactions they arranged online.

The Conshohocken Police Department said individuals making purchases through Craigslist and other sites are free to complete deals in the department's lobby or parking lot. The idea for the safe zone came after an officer said his wife told him she was going to another person's house to complete an online purchase. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Technology and stuff.' #ChevyGuy to keep his job, despite national blooper

Shortly before 9 a.m. on the day after the worst night of his life, Rikk Wilde got a call from his boss at General Motors.

Yes, he committed a nationally televised, major-league blooper while presenting pickup truck keys to the World Series MVP. No, he wouldn't be fired. Now get out there and sell some trucks.

GM had lined up Wilde, a lifelong Royals fan, for the postgame presentation because he's a good employee and loves baseball. There was hope that he'd be giving the keys to a Chevrolet Colorado to someone on the home team. But instead it went to San Francisco Giants ace Madison Bumgarner, who saved Game 7 by shutting out the Royals for five innings.

Wilde had practised for the moment, an effort to draw attention to GM's newest product, and brought notes just in case he forgot something. He did. When Fox Sports announcer Erin Andrews introduced him, he was sweating. As he started to say his lines, he stumbled and had to look to his notes. He ad-libbed a line that would bring guffaws on social media: "It combines class-winning and leading, you know, technology and stuff, with Wi-Fi powered by OnStar."

#Technologyandstuff was trending on Twitter, as was #ChevyGuy, with many comparing Wilde to the late Chris Farley. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Swedish government recognizes Palestinian state

Sweden on Thursday became the biggest Western European country to recognize a Palestinian state, prompting a strong protest from Israel, which swiftly withdrew its ambassador from Stockholm.

The move by Sweden's new left-leaning government reflects growing international impatience with Israel's nearly half-century control of the West Bank, east Jerusalem and its blockade of the Gaza Strip. It also comes during increased tensions between Arabs and Jews over Israel's plans to build 1,000 housing units in east Jerusalem.

Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom said Sweden, fulfilling a promise made when the Social Democratic-led government took office earlier this month, believes the Palestinians have met the criteria under international law for such recognition.

"There is a territory, a people and government," she told reporters in Stockholm, adding that Sweden was the 135th country in the world to recognize a Palestinian state.

Israel was quick to condemn Sweden's announcement. Foreign Ministry spokesman Paul Hirschson said Israel's ambassador to Sweden was being recalled for consultations but declined to say how long he would remain in Israel.

Hanan Ashrawi, a senior Palestinian official, welcomed the move by Sweden.

"It is our hope that other EU member states and countries worldwide will follow Sweden's lead and recognize Palestine before the chances for a two-state solution are destroyed indefinitely," Ashrawi said.

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Israel condemns decision

"It's a shame that the government of Sweden chose to take a declarative step that only causes harm."

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman

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TV, mobile content

Rogers teams up with Vice Media to target millennials

Rogers Communications is teaming with pugnacious cultural magazine and digital outlet Vice Media in a $100-million joint venture that will launch a new TV channel and open a production studio in downtown Toronto.

The partnership between Montreal-created Vice and Canadian media giant Rogers will begin next year with the Vice TV Network in Canada and a digital distribution model that will let Rogers chase the 18- to 34-year-old demographic with exclusive mobile content.

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HBO's scripted library

Don't Curb Your Enthusiasm ... Bell starts a video streaming service

Bell Media is launching a new video streaming service that will include the entire HBO scripted library.

The company says the subscription service, code-named Project Latte, will feature premium programming, including The Sopranos, The Wire and Sex and the City.

The Wire streaming will mark the first time the series is presented in HD.

Other HBO programs in the service include Six Feet Under, Band of Brothers, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Big Love, Entourage and In Treatment.

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Double-double, toil and trouble for Tim Hortons?

Report. Takeover by Burger King could have some scary consequences, such as massive layoffs

Tim Hortons takeover by Burger King may prove stale for Canadians. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Widespread layoffs and strict cost-cutting measures could befall Tim Hortons if Burger King's parent company takes over the chain, says a study from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

The left-leaning think-tank released a scathing review of 3G Capital's past takeovers on Thursday and concluded that the Brazilian private equity firm's track record is predictive of "overwhelmingly negative consequences for Canadians" and the Tim Hortons restaurant chain.

"Without additional strong assurances from 3G Capital that no jobs will be lost ... this may not be in the net benefit of Canada," said CCPA senior economist David Macdonald, who was involved in the preparation of the report.

The policy centre said 3G Capital hasn't made a suitable case for how the merged company benefits Canadians and it's urging the federal government to demand "a better deal" before it approves the transaction.

Included in its analysis is the assumption that the investment company, in its $11-billion US takeover of the Canadian company, would follow a similar playbook to past takeovers.

The new obligations could pressure Tim Hortons to cut costs, reduce investments and squeeze more from its franchisees, the report said.

The expectations are based on the investment company's track record in past takeovers where thousands of employees were laid off at food company Heinz and beer company Anheuser-Busch.

In response to the study, Tim Hortons spokesman Scott Bonikowsky said the merged company intends to keep the Tim Hortons brand independent of its owner and maintain "traditional levels of community support, restaurant-level jobs and franchisee relationships."

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Possible cuts

700+

The report suggests 3G Capital's debt financing could force Tim Hortons to layoff more than 700 employees — or 44 per cent of staff working outside its restaurants — as its tries to manage the debt of the merged company.

Apple CEO Tim Cook smashes the glass closet

Apple CEO Tim Cook says he's proud to be gay.

The public declaration, in an essay written for Bloomberg Businessweek, makes Cook the highest-profile business CEO to come out as gay.

Cook said that while he never denied his sexuality, he never publicly acknowledged it, either. The executive said that for years he's been open with many people about his sexual orientation and that plenty of his Apple colleagues know he is gay.

Cook wrote in the column, published Thursday, that it wasn't an easy choice to publicly disclose that he is gay, but that he felt the acknowledgement could help others.

"I've come to realize that my desire for personal privacy has been holding me back from doing something more important," he wrote.

Three days ago, Cook challenged his home state of Alabama to better ensure the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Apple CEO Tim Cook
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Alabama is among the states that do not recognize same-sex marriage, and it also doesn't offer legal protections on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Cook is a native of Robertsdale, Ala., and attended Auburn University.

Pride and understanding

"Being gay has given me a deeper understanding of what it means to be in the minority and provided a window into the challenges that people in other minority groups deal with every day."
Apple CEO Tim Cook

The announcement is a "huge deal," said Richard Metheny of executive search firm Witt/Kieffer.

"This really sets the stage for 'It's OK,' " he said. "Anything CEOs do is very magnified, very complicated, and it affects a lot of people.... There's no taking away that he has become a role model and will have a positive influence on lots of people that would like to be comfortable being out in the world of business." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 1,000 Ways To Be A Family. An inspiring section on the Canadian blog TheNewFamily.com, The 1,000 Families Project, looks at all the different variations on modern family life. Among the range of first-person stories is a recent entry from blog founder Brandie Weikle about her own "conscious uncoupling" with her ex long before Gwyneth Paltrow made the term infamous. Must read.

2 CDN vs American Beer. A Buzzfeed video has generated more than 370,000 views since being posted regarding a Canadian beer versus American beer taste test. In other words, more than 370,000 people have wasted time watching a video when everyone knows Canadian beer is the best and American beer sucks and tastes like water, eh?

3 Strombo & Kypreos. The pairing of George Stroumboulopoulos and Nick Kypreos is still getting mixed reaction a few weeks after the launch of the new Hockey Night In Canada. On their own, great. But their chemistry together? A tad awkward. This Hour Has 22 Minutes did a hilarious spoof recently showing Strombo on the set in his skinny jeans Instagramming selfies of himself with Kipper. Brilliant.

4 Kim Loves BlackBerry. Kim Kardashian West revealed this week that she is hoarding BlackBerry Bold phones out of fear that they will be discontinued, as she loves the keyboard for typing. "I love a BlackBerry, and every time I say that, people are horrified that I have a BlackBerry, and I don't understand that reaction." I have a BlackBerry, too, Kim, and get the same puzzled looks.

5 Robbie Williams. The singer decided to live-blog the birth of his second daughter with wife Ayda in Twitter pictures and YouTube videos. This was so wrong on so many levels, but yet you couldn't help but look. Because this is the age we live in where nothing is private. Luckily, the "coverage" concluded just before she went into labour.

6 Extra Hour Sleep! You might not have heard yet — so you can thank me — but this weekend Daylight Savings Time ends. Which means your clocks go back an hour. Which means you get a whole extra hour's sleep. Well, unless you're a parent with young kids. D'oh.

7 Halloween. The Boston Bruins have an amazing annual Halloween tradition where they visit Boston Children's Hospital. On Monday, they did again — dressing as characters from Disney's hit film Frozen. They even did renditions of Let It Go, which while not pretty were all great fun. Kudos.

8 #iBelieveThem. With more and more women coming forward about alleged assaults from Jian Ghomeshi, a tremendous show of support was displayed for these women on social media by people tweeting using the hashtags #iBelieveHer and #iBelieveThem in reference to the victims. As well, Jian's initial "defense" FB post has seen its popularity plummet with people unliking it in droves.

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Brett Domino is a talented and humble man. Talented because he can write a damn catchy pop tune, chops he showed off in an earlier video that boasted how easy it was to write a summer pop song. Humble because he thinks us regular folk can do it, too. Domino is back to rub it in our faces again, this time to show us how quickly he can whip up a Halloween pop jam. He tries to make it seem spookily simple. But really, he's just terrifyingly talented. (Brett Domino/YouTube)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A woman claims to have captured paranormal audio in a historic building. Tell us a supernatural tale in 140 characters or less.

@DDGstyle: once upon a time there was a world where members of a rich, educated society valued science and rationality

@Canucklehead: I awoke to it in a daze. "Daddy," the small voice says from just outside my bedroom door, "Can I sleep with you?" I live alone.

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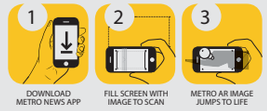

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Examining the night within us

Movies. As Maps to the Stars opens, Metro's Richard Crouse takes a look at director David Cronenberg's darkest works

Maps to the Stars opens in theatres this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Hollywood — self-obsessed child that it is — enjoys turning the camera on itself, but with Maps to the Stars, director David Cronenberg uses the city as a palette to paint a picture of the stupid, venal and stratospherically self-involved behaviour that goes on behind the scenes in Beverly Hills's gated communities and back lots.

At the centre of the film are the Weisses, a Hollywood family (John Cusack, Olivia Williams and Evan Bird) with more secrets than TMZ's too-hot-to-handle file, Havana Segrand (Julianne Moore), a former big name actress who is now as messed up as she is washed up and Agatha (Mia Wasikowska), a burn victim with schizophrenia whose presence threatens to expose closely guarded secrets.

This may be the most sun-dappled film Cronenberg has ever made, but don't let the light fool you; it's also one of his darkest.

I say one of his darkest because the 71-year-old director has frequently visited what Victor Hugo called "night within us," provoking Village Voice to call him, "the most audacious and challenging narrative director in the English-speaking world."

Spider, a trip into the mind of a severely mentally disturbed man starring Ralph Fiennes, is a case in point. Called "Cronenberg's most depressingly bleak film," by critic Ken Hanke, the 2002 film sees Fiennes deliver a virtually dialogue-free performance as the title character. But it is Miranda Richardson as several characters — all the women in Spider's life — who really steals the show. It's a spooky, cerebral thriller.

The Brood is probably Cronenberg's most traditional horror film. Featuring murderous psychoplasmic kids, experimental psychotherapist Oliver Reed and Samantha Eggar as a fetus-licking mother, it is the very stuff that nightmares are made of. It's lesser seen than The Fly or Dead Zone and way more down-and-dirty, but for sheer scares it's hard to beat.

A Dangerous Mind, the tautly told story of two psychoanalysts you've heard of, Dr. Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender) and Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen), plus one you've probably never heard of, Sabina Spielrein (Keira Knightley), sees Cronenberg combine a love story and birth of modern analysis.

The almost total lack of physical action means the focus is on the words. Some will see a film rich with dialogue, others will see it as verbose. But that's the kind of duality the movie explores.

Finally, in Cosmopolis, Cronenberg takes us along for an existential road trip through the breakdown of modern society. Based on a novel by Don DeLillo and starring Robert Pattinson as a controlling and self-destructive billionaire money manager, the movie covers the gamut of human experience, from haircuts, money and infidelity to asymmetrical prostates and mortality.

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE

Maps to the Stars

Director. David Cronenberg

Stars. Julianne Moore, John Cusack, Robert Pattinson, Mia Wasikowska

Hollywood points the camera on itself but not since The Player has the selfie provided such a wonderfully sadistic portrait of Tinsel Town. At the centre of David Cronenberg's film is a Hollywood family — played by John Cusack, Olivia Williams and Evan Bird. Orbiting them are a former big name actress (Julianne Moore) and a burn victim (Mia Wasikowska), whose presence threatens to expose closely guarded secrets. The terrific performances and decidedly un-Hollywood feel of this, the most Hollywood of Cronenberg's films, make Maps a compelling psychological thriller.

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Cronenberg is a creature of comfort

David Cronenberg may have a career that's lasted nearly five decades but he's still discovering his muses. His latest film, Maps to the Stars, notably marks a reunion with actor Robert Pattinson. "It's exciting to cast an actor that you worked with and you get along with," said Cronenberg. "It gives you comfort in that you have a comrade in arms who you know will not crack." In light of Maps' theatrical release on Friday, we take a look at Cronenberg's favourite young comrades.

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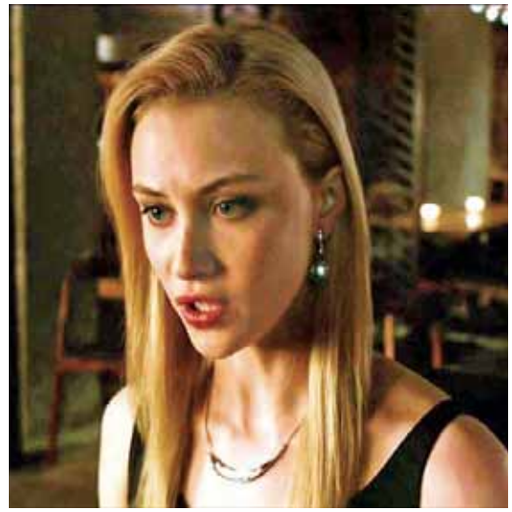
Robert Pattinson

History: Maps to the Stars marks the second partnership with Cronenberg after Cosmopolis. In the 2013 film, he played a powerful billionaire being chauffeured in his limo. In Maps, he's a naïve limo driver desperate to be a star.

Cronenberg: "Rob is a lovely sweet guy to work with. Of course he's got charisma because he wouldn't have been the success that he was, even in Twilight, without having something, but I think he's much more chameleon-like than people give him credit for."

Sarah Gadon



History: Gadon is perhaps Cronenberg's most frequent muse, with three collaborations in her filmography (Maps, A Dangerous Method and Cosmopolis). In fact, the Toronto talent is practically part of the family now having also starred in the 2012 thriller Antiviral (directed by David's son, Brandon).

Cronenberg: "She's really magical. She's got such an amazing presence and face, great voice and (she's) tough artistically — she's not afraid of anything."

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Viggo Mortensen

History: Cronenberg may be partly responsible for the actor's sole Oscar nomination, for a wrenching role in Eastern Promises, but don't overlook the duo's other captivating collaborations: A History of Violence and the Sigmund Freud biopic, A Dangerous Method.

Cronenberg: "Getting Viggo to play Freud, he's never done anything like that. It's scary for both of us but he had to trust me. He didn't think he could do it, but once he plugged into it and you get the fake nose and he puts on some weight and suddenly the beard — it's Freud!"

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Mystery & Suspense

Horns

Director. Alexandre Aja

Stars. James Remar, Daniel Radcliffe

Based on the novel by Joe Hill, Horns is a supernatural thriller. The film follows Ig Perrish (Daniel Radcliffe), the No. 1 suspect for the violent rape and murder of his girlfriend, Merrin (Juno Temple). Hungover from a night of hard drinking, Ig awakens one morning to find horns starting to grow from his own head and soon realizes their power drives people to confess their sins.

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Comedy

St. Vincent

Director. Theodore Melfi

Stars. Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy

Maggie (McCarthy), a single mother, moves into a new home in Brooklyn with her 12-year old son, Oliver (Lieberher). Forced to work long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of their new neighbour, Vincent (Murray), a retired curmudgeon with a penchant for alcohol and gambling. An odd friendship soon blossoms between the improbable pair.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 64% **Audience:** + 95%

Drama

Nightcrawler

Director. Dan Gilroy

Stars. Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo

Nightcrawler is a pulse-pounding thriller set in the underbelly of contemporary Los Angeles. Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Lou Bloom, a driven young man desperate for work who discovers the high-speed world of L.A. crime journalism. Finding a group of freelance camera crews who film crashes, fires, murder and other mayhem, Lou muscles into the cut-throat, dangerous realm of nightcrawling.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 89% **Audience:** 90%

Mystery/Suspense

Gone Girl

Director. David Fincher

Stars. Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck

Gone Girl, based upon the global bestseller by Gillian Flynn — unearths the secrets at the heart of a modern marriage. On the occasion of his fifth wedding anniversary, Nick Dunne (Ben Affleck) reports that his beautiful wife, Amy (Rosamund Pike), has gone missing. Under pressure from the police and a growing media frenzy, Nick's portrait of a blissful union begins to crumble.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 86% **Audience:** + 98%

Drama

Laggies

Director. Lynn Shelton

Stars. Sam Rockwell, Keira Knightley

Overeducated and underemployed, 28 year old Megan (Keira Knightley) is in the throes of a quarter-life crisis. Squarely into adulthood with no career prospects, no particular motivation to think about her future and no one to relate to, Megan is comfortable lagging a few steps behind - while her friends check off milestones and celebrate their new grown-up status.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 65% **Audience:** 66%

Drama

Low Down

Director. Jeff Preiss

Stars. John Hawkes, Elle Fanning

Based on the memoir by Amy-Jo Albany, Low Down is a compassionate, tender look at the complex relationship between Amy-Jo (Elle Fanning) and her father Joe (John Hawkes), a man torn between his musical ambition, his devotion to his teenage daughter, and his suffocating heroin addiction.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 36% **Audience:** 29%

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Superhero nirvana

Marvel announced its slate of films coming out between now and 2019. We put together this handy guide to keep you apprised of the superhero franchise.

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May 1, 2015

The Avengers: Age of Ultron

Need to know: The plot, according to IMDB.com, sees things go awry when Tony Stark — Iron Man — tries to jumpstart a dormant peacekeeping program. The villainous Ultron is voiced by James Spader.

July 17, 2015

Ant-Man

Need to know: Peyton Reed is directing this story of a former con-man who can shrink when he dons a super-suit. Paul Rudd will star as Ant-Man, along with Evangeline Lilly, Michael Peña and Michael Douglas.

May 6, 2016

Captain America: Civil War

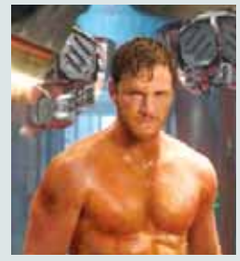
Need to know: Civil War will pit Captain America and Iron Man against each other and will also mark the debut of Black Panther to the film franchise.

Nov. 4, 2016

Doctor Strange

Need to know: British actor Benedict Cumberbatch has been widely rumoured to be tapped to play Doctor Strange, a sorcery-centric protector of Earth.

May 5, 2017



Guardians of the Galaxy 2

Need to know: No plot synopsis has been released, but James Gunn is scheduled to again write and direct the follow up to his 2014 Guardians film.

July 28, 2017

Thor: Ragnarok

Need to know: In the comics, Ragnarok is a cyberg-clone of Thor, created by Tony Stark and members of the Avengers after Thor goes missing.

Nov. 3, 2017

Black Panther

Need to know: Chadwick Boseman is slated to portray Black Panther. In the comics, Black Panther is the leader of the fictional African nation of Wakanda who becomes a member of The Avengers.

May 4, 2018/May 3, 2019

The Avengers: Infinity War Parts I and II

Need to know: The third film is split. The details are scant, but comic series centred on the Infinity Gauntlet, which gives its possessor godlike powers.

July 6, 2018

Captain Marvel

Need to know: Captain Marvel marks the studio's first films centred on a woman from Marvel comics. The iteration will be Carol Danvers, an Air Force officer whose adventures take her into space.

Nov. 2, 2018

Inhumans

Need to know: The Inhumans are a race of superhumans who first appeared in Marvel in the 1960s.

Studio survival

Superheroes reap super returns

Money-makers: So-called "tent pole" films — big money-making movies that are often sequels to tried-and-tested blockbusters — are increasingly important to studios, as the movie-watching experience fragments with online viewing. The first Avengers movie and last year's Iron Man 3 are among the top five grossing films ever, together earning more than $2.7 billion worldwide.

DC Comics: In mid-October, Warner Bros. announced a slate of 10 films based on DC Comics characters, including The Flash, Aquaman, Cyborg, Wonder Woman and Shazam.

Crawling through the night with Rene Russo

Q&A. Self-confirmed night owl confronts the morality of paparazzi crossing privacy boundaries

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What's Rene Russo been up to lately? Staying up late, avoiding restaurants that tip-off TMZ and worrying about drones. So you know, the usual. In Nightcrawler, written and directed by her husband Dan Gilroy, Russo stars as a tough but desperate news director at a failing L.A. station who turns to a freelance videographer (Jake Gyllenhaal) for some sensational footage.

At what point did Dan first tell you about this idea?

A long time ago he told me about it. He came home one day and told me about nightcrawlers. I had no idea.

I have a friend and I'm a night person, and I'll be out at 2 o'clock in the morning. So now I'm looking around me going, "Whoa, is that a nightcrawler?"

You have a habit of going out late at night?

Nighttime for me is really magical. I love the night. I'll just go out into my back yard and look at the moon at night.

I've seen some beautiful moonsets.

The work that these guys do made me think of paparazzi.

Look, here's the deal with that: I am not Angelina Jolie. I can pretty much go out of my house.

Has TMZ come up to me?

Yes. I deal with things with humour. This is what it is, so have some fun.

But I am not Lindsay Lohan, that's not who I am. I think if that were my life, it would be very different, it would be really, really hard for me. Because I'm very private.

Rene Russo and Jake Gyllenhaal star in Nightcrawler. CONTRIBUTED

If wishes were big film budgets

Horror. Canadian filmmaker and FX guy Steven Kostanski talks about making scares when cash is scarce

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Winnipeg-born, Toronto-based FX wizard Steven Kostanski (of gonzo collective ASTRON-6) learned about the ABC's of filmmaking while making his beloved, invisibly budgeted contemporary cult classics Father's Day and Manborg, outrageously innovative genre send-ups that exemplified his maverick sensibility.

So it makes sense, then, that Kostanski's latest bid for strange cinema infamy lies within the body of a film called the ABC's of Death 2 (opening today in select Canadian markets), the go-for-broke sequel to 2012's horror hit.

In it, two-dozen-plus directors (including Canada's The Soska Sisters and Vincenzo Natali) were given a random letter of the English alphabet, a modest chunk of money and allowed to let their imaginations run wild. Kostanski and his crew got 'W' and designed his segment, 'W is for Wish' accordingly.

"Our entry was based on an idea that we had already been developing," says the visionary director. "It was sort of a play on the old He-Man toys and I had already started developing a toy line surrounding the concept. So when we got asked to do The ABC's of Death, I thought, OK, let's combine toys with the movie and have these kids sucked in a fantasy universe and realize the toys in live action."

And that's what happens in W is for Wish, the critical favourite of the anthology — a mock commercial in which two eager lads playing with their gladiator toys are warped into an ultra-violent hell of bloody battles and brutal kink. The segment is as ingenious as it is hilarious.

"Like everything I make, W is for Wish started out as a simple idea that got considerably more complicated as we went along, and then ended up costing considerably more," says Kostanski.

"And of course, I had to kick in my own money to finish it. I'd say that everybody involved in The ABC's of Death 2 are working professionally in film, and like them, I found it hard to meet timelines, so I was literally finishing it at night while working doing FX on the new Guillermo del Toro film Crimson Peak during the day."

Kostanski's eye for design, unsubtle wit and ability to wear many hats has given him a reputation as an artist who can make a dime look like a dollar, and one wonders what in the world he'd ever do if — God forbid — someone actually gave him a sizeable budget to play with.

"If I ever had real money, I'd pay people for a change, I think," says the filmmaker, only half joking. "But low budgets keep you creative; they keep the brain working. So I'm fine where I am for now."

W is for Wish is Steven Kostanski's submission to the ABC's of Death 2 film anthology. CONTRIBUTED

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Journey to the South Pacific (STC) Fri-Thu 1
To the Arctic (G) Fri-Thu 3

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street

Dolphin Tale 2 (G) Sat-Sun 1:30-4
Interstellar (PG) Thu 8
The Judge (PG) Fri-Wed 7-9:55

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
Laggies (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
My Old Lady (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10-6:45-9:20 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:10-6:45-9:20 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:10-9:20
St. Vincent (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:35-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:35
Whiplash (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:20-7-9:35 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:30 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:40

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

Aisling Gheal (STC) Thu 8:15
And the Beggar's Opera Again (STC) Mon 6:30
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Every Young Man (STC) Wed 8:20
The Gloaming (STC) Thu 7
Leaving (STC) Mon 8 Wed 6:30
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Nosferatu the Vampyre (STC) Fri-Sat 6:30 Sun 4:15-8:20
The Wicker Man (STC) Fri 8:30 Sat 10:15

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

Gone Girl (14A) Fri-Sat 3-6:30 Sun 12:30-3:45-7 Mon-Thu 3:45-7
The Metropolitan Opera: Carmen (STC) Sat 9:55
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (PG) Fri-Sat 10:30

Rio on Broadway, 1660 E. Broadway

20,000 Days on Earth (PG) Sat 7
The ABCs of Death (18A) Sat 9:30 Sun-Mon 9:15
An Angel for May (STC) Sun 1:45
Beetlejuice (PG) Fri 11:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue-Thu
These Final Hours (18A) Sun-Mon 7

Scotiabank Theatre 900 Burrard St

Dracula Untold (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Mon 1-3:15-5:25-7:35-9:50 Tue 1-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Wed 1-3:15-5:25-7:35-9:50 Thu 12:50-3:15-5:25-7:35-10:20
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Interstellar (PG) No Passes Thu 8
John Wick (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3-5:25-7:55-10:25 Mon 12:45-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:25 Tue 12:40-3-5:25-7:55-10:25 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:25
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National Theater Live: Of Mice and Men (STC) Thu 7
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Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre, 1181 Seymour Street

My Bloody Valentine (STC) Sat 9:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Mon
The Phantom Carriage (STC) Sat 7
Sunrise (STC) Tue 7
The Tale of the Princess Kaguya (STC) Sat 1-3:30 Sun 4:30 Tue 4 Wed 6:10-8:40 Thu 2:30
Vancouver: A Progressive City! (STC) Sun 2:30
Vintage Vancouver: Archival Films From the City of Vancouver Archives (STC) Sun 7:30
Visiting Hours (STC) Sat 11:05

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

The Great Salmon Run 4D Experience (STC) Fri 11:45-12:45-1:45-3-4:20 Sat-Sun 11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:20 Mon-Thu 11:45-12:45-1:45-3-4:20

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John Wick (14A) No Passes Fri 7-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 No Passes Mon-Wed 7-9:40 No Passes Thu 9:40
The Judge (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 9:10
Maps to the Stars (18A) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05-6:50-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35
The Maze Runner (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:05-3:55-6:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 6:30
Nightcrawler (14A) No Passes Fri 6:45-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:45-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Ouija (14A) No Passes Fri 6:55-9:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45-6:55-9:25 No Passes Mon-Wed 6:55-9:25

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National Theater Live: Of Mice and Men (STC) Thu 7
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Before I Go to Sleep (STC) Fri-Sun 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:40-10:15
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Thu 7-9:45
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Vikings From the British Museum (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7:30

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Filmmaker interview. Birdman's big risks rewarded with Oscar buzz

Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu had never attempted making a comedy until Birdman. CONTRIBUTED

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu admits it was "scary" making the dark comedy Birdman (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance), and he was warned by one of his peers that he was "running to a possibility of failure" by doing it.

"To make a comedy, first, is always a big challenge, especially for somebody who has never done comedy," the film's director and co-writer said in a recent telephone interview. "And the way I decided to do it, which is this one-take thing, it's a very difficult task in a way that challenges you technically and conceptually, because you have to make a lot of decisions and sacrifices by that, and be very aware.

"As one director told me — you're running to disaster."

Turns out that wasn't the case.

Birdman, starring Michael Keaton as a former avian superhero film star desperate for validation and a comeback as he heads an ambitious new Broadway play, is flying high in critics' eyes.

Keaton's performance as Riggan Thomson is already the subject of serious Oscar talk, while praise is also being heaped on the rest of the A-list cast that includes Naomi Watts, Edward Norton, Andrea Riseborough, Zach Galifianakis and Emma Stone.

Rave reviews are also pouring in for Inarritu's "long take" filmmaking style in which the camera follows the actors around the theatre for lengthy periods of time as they rehearse and perform the play, making it seem as if the entire project is one uninterrupted shot.

The Mexican native was delving into foreign territory with the film, which hits theatres on Friday, and says that's just the way he likes it.

"I always find myself much better in an uncomfortable zone," said Inarritu, whose films Amores Perros and Biutiful received Oscar nominations for best foreign language film, while 2006's Babel was up for best picture and best directing.

"When I become comfortable, I become a little angry and depressed and not happy. So I like to be challenged. I like that something excites me or scares me, because if not, I am incomplete."

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Music. Indie fans rewind to the 1980s as cassette tapes make a comeback

Hitting the road with his band in a beat-up van, Sean Bohrman looked at the cassette deck and, instead of seeing an ancient relic, became inspired. He could listen to his own, and others', albums on the cheap.

Seven years later, Bohrman helps run a label out of southern California, Burger Records, which has sold 350,000 cassettes — tiny in the universe of the music industry, but marking an unlikely mini-revival of an often-derided format whose obituary had been written in the 1990s. "No one, least of all us, expected this to happen," says Bohrman.

In an age where vast volumes of music can be downloaded instantly for free, vinyl has witnessed a rebirth among collectors, with LP sales soaring by one-third in the United States in 2013.

In an effort reminiscent of events to promote vinyl, dozens of record stores around the world recently held a cassette day, to sell tapes ranging from the new album by rising indie band Foxygen to reissued classics by ironic rockers They Might Be Giants.

Few expect that cassettes

They were great for mixtapes, but cassettes could be frustrating to play. AFP

— notorious for getting jammed and unspooled — will become the dominant format they were in the 1980s, before CDs took over. Last year, cassettes accounted for fewer than 0.1 per cent of the 289 million albums sold in the U.S., with CDs still topping digital downloads, according to Nielsen.

But Bohrman saw a distinct advantage — it costs his label about $1 to produce each tape, while a vinyl run could cost thousands and take months. With the lower overhead, Burger Records has specialized in signing obscure garage acts for cassette releases. "You're much more likely to take a chance on music if it's just costing you $5 a tape," he says.

And although it is more unwieldy to select tracks on cassettes compared with CDs, MP3s or even vinyl, Bohrman says that is exactly the point. On cassettes, listeners are more likely to take in the whole album.

"A lot of people say that they don't have cassette players anymore, but most of them haven't even tried looking," Bohrman says.

"These are the people who let music come to them. You can sit and let Spotify or Soundcloud or Facebook tell you what to listen to, or you can work to find new music."

Even when stores in industrialized countries stopped stocking cassettes, the format remained vibrant in sub-Saharan Africa, meaning Afropop fans are often obliged to look for tapes. AFP

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Sean Bohrman, Burger Records, on the surprising revival of cassette tapes

Sound Check

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3 songs for the weekend

A modern take on the Monster Mash, a spooky track from Daemon and a public health message about Ebola

See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to listen to Alan's recommended songs this week.

Modern Monster Mash/Key of Awesome

Bobby "Boris" Pickett released the Monster Mash way back in 1962. Finally, someone has brought the song into the 21st century. (Slightly NSFW.)

The Returned/ Daemon

If you're looking for something spooky but more ambient, try this track from San Francisco-based producer Daemon.

Ebola in Town/ D-12, Shadow & Kuzzy of 2Kings

A dance hit from western Africa that tells people what they should do in order to avoid contracting Ebola. Hey, whatever it takes to get the message out, right?

Video game review

Name. Sunset Overdrive

For. Xbox One

Rated. Mature 17+

When a new fizzy drink triggers a zombie-mutant apocalypse, your ability to skateboard, grind power lines and punk-parkour street obstacles prove valuable to a group of misfits. While most games reward you with fanfare, Sunset Overdrive uses boundless creativity, dropping gags and hilarious characters across a sprawling city of fun tasks and customizations. Vinyl record-shooting rifles and acidic lawn sprinklers are among the gimmicks that prove what's crazy can also be smart and keep you coming back for more. KRIS ABEL

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It's slime time. This Ghostbusters pinball machine is loaded with movie music and effects. There are eight flippers to trigger multi-ball, cross the streams, and hopefully defeat the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man.

At 40, Hello Kitty is still just a girl

Pop culture. Everything you need to know about Hello Kitty, who's got a milestone birthday Nov. 1

Hello Kitty didn't need a backstory — or even a mouth — to become a global phenomenon. Her image can be found on just about anything, from the predictable plush toys and lunch boxes to the not-so-predictable: surfboards, motor oil, an air purifier, kitchen gadgets, jewelry, light bulbs and toilet paper.

"You could be born in a Hello Kitty maternity ward," said Dave Marchi, a spokesman for Sanrio, the Japanese company that created Hello Kitty in 1974. Here's what you need to know about the famous character, who turns 40 on Nov. 1.

Is she a cat or not?
People reacted with shock when news emerged over the summer that Hello Kitty is not a cat, but it's really not so simple. "Sanrio does not reference her as a cat in the traditional sense: She doesn't meow, she doesn't drink milk from a bowl, she doesn't eat cat food," Marchi said. "It all comes down to how you want to describe this anthropomorphized figure. Obviously she looks like a cat. Some people want to think of her and describe her as a cat. But we at Sanrio always reference her as a little girl." He compared Hello Kitty to Mickey Mouse, a mouse that wears shorts, shoes and gloves.

The Hello Kitty "Lita" high-heel shoe. SANRIO

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"Obviously she looks like a cat. Some people want to think of her and describe her as a cat. But we at Sanrio always reference her as a little girl."
Dave Marchi, spokesman for Sanrio, the company behind Hello Kitty

Does Hello Kitty have a backstory?
According to the SanrioTown website, yes. Her full name is Kitty White. She lives in London, has a twin sister named Mimmy and a pet cat called Charmmy Kitty. She is about five apples tall. Her favourite colour is red, and she enjoys playing piano and baking cookies.

Why is Hello Kitty so popular?
Branding expert Dorie Clark says Hello Kitty's simple, mouthless design lends to her broad appeal. "She's stoic, she's expressionless, and people can put onto her almost any kind of emotion," she said. "She can mean almost anything to anyone."

There's also the nostalgia factor, as the character turns 40. "There's an audience of people who grew up with her ... who look back on her as a warm and familiar reminder of their childhood."

Lady Gaga wears the Hello Kitty x Lady Gaga Plush Dress in this file photo. The first Hello Kitty Con, a festival of all things Kitty held in honour of the character's 40th birthday, takes place this weekend in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Does she belong to a larger cultural phenomenon?
She is part of the Japanese culture of cuteness known as kawaii, also seen in characters such as Pikachu. "It's something clever and creative, which contributes to a certain cool factor," anthropology professor Christine R. Yano, author of Pink Globalization: Hello Kitty's Trek Across the Pacific, recently told the Los Angeles Times.

"For example, take Precious Moments (collectibles). That's cute. But there's nothing cool about Precious Moments. Hello Kitty has the potential to be so many other things." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Hello Kitty balloon appears in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Kendall and Kylie Jenner ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Dreams dashed for Kendall and Kylie as fans aren't buying what they're selling

They can't all be bestsellers, apparently. Since debuting in June, the sci-fi YA novel "written" by Kendall and Kylie Jenner, Rebels: City of Indra, has sold just 13,000 copies, which is totally not cute. So it's safe to assume the teens' long-term goals of launching a film franchise based on the book aren't going to pan out either. "We were saying, if we were to do a movie, like, what would we want to do?" one of them explained during an interview with Good Morning America promoting the book's launch. "Like, if we were to be in it, like what movie would we want to be in?" That's a pretty big "if," young lady.

Aniston comes clean after being spotted without engagement ring

Several corners of the Celebrity Industrial Complex quaked with fear this week when Jennifer Aniston was spotted without the flashy engagement ring given to her by fiancé Justin Theroux. Was everything OK between the pair? Is the wedding off? Which Friends co-star will she turn to first for comfort? But don't worry, false alarm everyone. "Everyone should calm down," Aniston's rep says. "The ring was just being cleaned and is safely back on her hand." Oh good. By the way, I hope can we start a trend of beginning every official statement with "Everyone should calm down." Or is that usually implied?

Jennifer Aniston

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

What are the Terminator producers secretly up to?

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Metro in Hollywood

It was probably foolish to have any optimism at all about the new Terminator film due next summer — especially once its title, Terminator Genisys, was revealed. But now any hope for a decent entry into the franchise is gone.

In a first look at the film in Entertainment Weekly, some extremely troubling plot details are revealed: In this edition, young Sarah Connor (now played by Games of Thrones star Emilia Clarke) "was orphaned by a Terminator at the age of nine. Since then, she's been raised by ... (Arnold) Schwarzenegger's Terminator — an older T-800 she calls Pops — who is programmed to guard rather than kill."

So does this mean that they're undoing the events of the first two films? Which happen to be the only good ones in the franchise? The film's production wrapped in August, but maybe it's not too late to send a screenwriter back in time and fix this.

But the news does at least feed into my Terminator behind-the-scenes theory: After defying the odds and making an awesome low-budget sci-fi movie followed by a groundbreaking, genre-defining sequel, the producers realized they could never top themselves, so they secretly set out to make each film successively worse. I didn't say it was a good plan.

Is it too late to scrap this movie and just bring back The Sarah Connor Chronicles?

Ben Affleck

Pass the sprinkles! Affleck and Damon bond over frozen yogurt

Ben Affleck finally returned Matt Damon's phone calls, apparently, as the Good Will Hunting scribes are teaming up to executive produce a new single-camera sitcom from 30 Rock writer Colleen McGuinness for Fox. And while the show doesn't have a title yet, it does have a ridiculously awesome-sounding premise: A young frozen yogurt shop employee suddenly discovers she has telekinetic powers. Sign me up.

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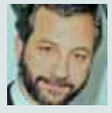
I'm sitting at home pretending like I'm comfortable with myself.



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I haven't done cardio since April. That sounds fancy. Haven't gotten off my ass since April. Just not into movement. Laying feels better

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Give dessert a disguise

Zebra Cake. Cutting into this dessert offers a delicious surprise

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This recipe serves 10. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) unbleached all-purpose flour, sifted
- 2 1/2 tsp (12 1/2 ml) baking powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) sugar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla extract
- 1 cup (250 ml) canola oil
- 1 cup (250 ml) milk
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) cocoa powder, sifted
- Two 3 tbsp (45 ml) ice cream scoops

Chocolate Ganache

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) warm 34% cream
- 3 oz (85 g) dark chocolate, chopped

Icing

- 1 cup (250 ml) icing sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) water

1. With rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F.

2. Butter 8-inch (20 cm) springform pan and line bottom with parchment paper. Set aside.

3. In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt. Set aside.

4. In another bowl, beat eggs with the sugar and vanilla until the mixture lightens and forms a ribbon. Drizzle in the oil while beating. At low speed, add the dry ingredients alternately with the milk until smooth.

5. Divide batter evenly into two separate bowls. Whisk cocoa powder into one of the bowls.

6. With 3 tbsp (45 ml) ice cream scoop, pour chocolate batter in centre of pan and allow to spread 20 seconds. With second ice cream scoop, pour same amount of vanilla batter in centre of chocolate batter. Allow again to spread 20 seconds. Repeat two steps alternately until all batter as been used. Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre of cake comes out clean. Let cool for 15 minutes. Unmould from the pan and let cool completely on a wire rack.

Chocolate Ganache

1. In a bowl, pour cream over dark chocolate. Let melt 1 minute. Whisk until smooth. Spread ganache on cake, letting it slightly run down the sides.

Icing

1. In bowl, combine 1 cup (250 ml) of icing sugar with 1 tbsp (15 ml) of water. With pastry bag fitted with small tip, apply spiral of icing on ganache. From centre of spiral, drag tip of a knife outward to form a spider web. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

Liquid Assets

An array of ghoulish sips

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Halloween treats aren't just made for kids.

The variety of All Hallows' Eve-inspired adult libations has never been greater, which means you can have a sip of the season while waiting for fairy princesses and geeks in homemade hazmat suits to come knocking on your door.

Pumpkin beers are all the rage. The Maritimes can get its gourd on thanks to Propeller Brewery's Pumpkin Ale (6x341ml, $13.25). For Ontario, craft beer fans have Great Lakes' Pumpkin Ale (650ml, $4.95). And readers out west can enjoy Howe Sound's Pumpkineater Imperial Pumpkin Ale (1L, $8.75).

SNL veteran Dan Aykroyd ships his Crystal Head Vodka ($44.98 - $54.99) in a spooky bottle shaped like a human skull, making it the ultimate way to Halloween-up your Bloody Caesar.

In wine, the devil is hotter than, well, you know where. The just-released 2012 Diabolica Red ($13.99 - $18.99) is from B.C.'s Okanagan Valley. A merlot-led blend of five grapes, its balanced mix of cherry and red licorice tastes heavenly.

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The sweetest ghosts you ever did eat

This recipe makes six large marshmallows. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

For the little monsters in attendance, Marshmallow Ghosts are a surefire hit.

Ingredients

- Vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) powdered gelatin
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) water
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) vanilla extract
- 6 long lollipop or coffee sticks
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) icing sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) cornstarch

Icing

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) icing sugar
- A few drops of water
- Black gel food colouring

1. Lightly oil 6 Popsicle moulds.

2. In a small saucepan, sprinkle the gelatin over the water and let bloom for 5 minutes.

3. Add the sugar and warm over low heat, stirring until the sugar and gelatin have dissolved. Pour into a bowl. Add the corn syrup and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer until it forms a soft meringue. With a pastry bag fitted with a large tip, fill the Popsicle moulds. Insert a lollipop stick in the centre of each mould and refrigerate for 2 hours.

4. On a plate, combine the icing sugar and cornstarch.

5. Unmould the marshmallows and gently roll in the icing sugar mixture. Shake to remove any excess. Place the ghosts in a tall glass filled with small black and orange pebbles.

Icing

6. In a bowl, combine the icing sugar, water and food colouring. Use a paper cone or a small pastry bag to form the eyes on the ghosts.

7. Keep the marshmallows, well wrapped, at room temperature.

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Canucks work overtime to beat Habs

The Canadiens' Brendan Gallagher attempts a wrap-around shot on Canucks goalie Ryan Miller and defender Brad Richardson at Rogers Arena on Thursday. Daniel Sedin scored a power-play goal 2:45 into overtime and the Canucks won 3-2. For the story, go to metronews.ca. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saints march into NFC South's top spot

NFL. New Orleans snaps road losing streak to beat division rival in Panthers

Drew Brees and the Saints proved they know how to win big games on the road.

Brees overcame a shaky start and threw for one touchdown and ran for another and New Orleans defeated the Carolina Panthers 28-10 Thursday night to take over first place in the NFC South.

The Saints (4-4) piled up 375 yards to snap a seven-game losing streak on the road that dated back to last November.

Brees finished 24 of 34 for 297 yards and Mark Ingram turned in another solid performance with 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Brees threw an interception and fumbled in the first quarter before settling down late in the second and leading touchdown drives on four out of five possessions.

The Saints' defence sacked Cam Newton four times and forced two turnovers.

Newton, who spent much of the night under heavy duress playing behind an offensive line without three of its regular starters, was limited to 151 yards passing.

The Saints were 0-4 on the road this season.

New Orleans was coming off a dominating second-half performance — at home, fittingly — in which it scored 28 points after the break to speed past the Packers 44-23.

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MLB

Game 7 boosts Series' ratings

An estimated 23.5 million people watched the San Francisco Giants' 3-2 win over the Kansas City Royals in Game 7, enabling the matchup to escape the distinction of least-watched World Series.

The Nielsen company said Thursday that more people watched the previous night's contest than any other World Series game since the 2011 Game 7 between St. Louis and Texas (25.4 million).

It was 10 million more people that tuned in to any of the previous six games between the Giants and the Royals.

Nielsen said the peak average audience came during the last inning, when 27.8 million people saw MVP Madison Bumgarner record the last out.

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MLS

Wright-Phillips' heroics prolong Red Bulls' season

Bradley Wright-Phillips scored twice in the final 13 minutes to rally New York to a 2-1 victory over Sporting Kansas City on Thursday night, eliminating the defending MLS Cup champion from the playoffs and sending the Red Bulls to the conference semifinals.

Wright-Phillips, who led the league with a record-tying 27 goals, tied it in the 77th minute and headed in the winner with less than a minute remaining in regulation.

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Sebastian Fernandez, left, of the Whitecaps confronts referee Mark Geiger after Vancouver's MLS playoff match against FC Dallas on Wednesday in Frisco, Texas. Fernandez was issued a red card. TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is MLS officiating up to par?

The crush of defeat may feel worse for the Vancouver Whitecaps, given the fashion in which they lost their one-game playoff against FC Dallas on Wednesday.

Old news by now. Whitecaps defender Kendall Waston was called for a handball inside the box, setting up a penalty kick for FC Dallas in the 84th minute.

Dallas midfielder Michel stepped up to the shot, scored and sent the Whitecaps back to Vancouver with a 2-1 loss. Their season is done.

Criticism immediately poured onto social media when the controversial call was made; it didn't look like Waston intentionally got his arm on the ball. For the Whitecaps, it also stings to have such an important game, fuelled by the emotion of playing what has become a bitter rival, decided by such a call.

It's also sure to open up the debate about the level of officiating in Major League Soccer. The level of player personnel has gotten better over the years.

Can the same be said for the officiating?

"Something I thought was clearly a wrong call, and going out that way is just devastating. I don't even have words for it," said goalkeeper David Ousted afterward.

However, Vancouver's 35-year-old defender Andy O'Brien called it a "blatant handball."

"These are things that happen. Even for somebody my age, the game kicks you between the legs sometimes."

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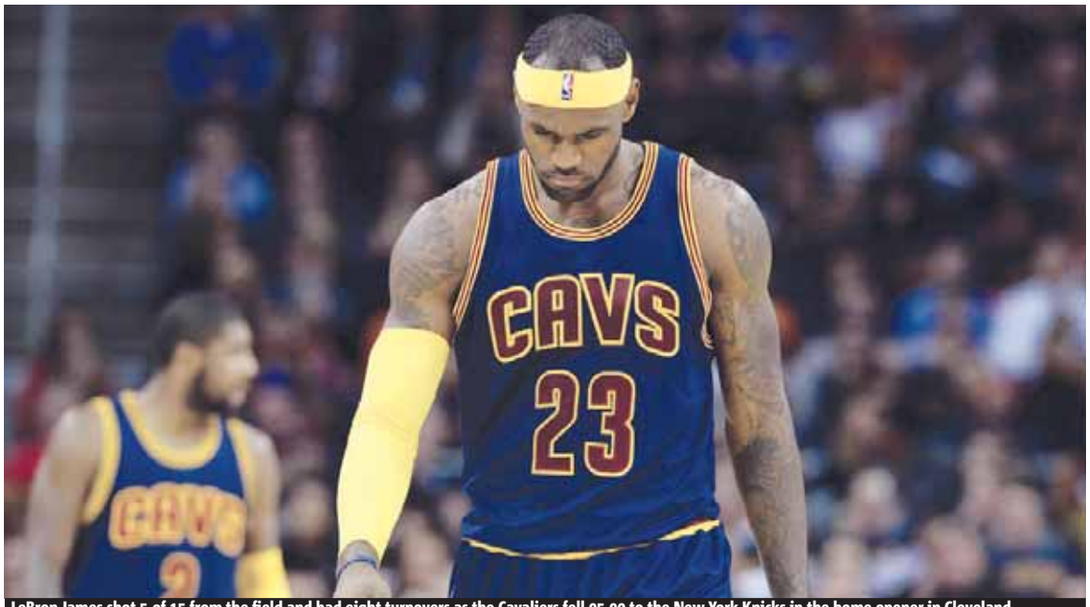

LeBron James shot 5-of-15 from the field and had eight turnovers as the Cavaliers fell 95-90 to the New York Knicks in the home opener in Cleveland.
JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

LeBron recedes from spotlight in opener

NBA. Knicks spoil party in superstar native son's return to Cleveland

LeBron James struggled from the start in his first game with Cleveland in four years, and the New York Knicks ruined the megastar's emotional homecoming with a 95-90 win over the Cavaliers on Thursday night.

James, who returned to the Cavs and his native Ohio this summer after winning two NBA titles in Miami, finished with 17 points on 5-of-15 shooting. He also committed eight turnovers and never looked comfortable on a night when the entire city — and a star-studded crowd — celebrated his comeback.

Opening night

Knicks	Cavaliers
95	90

Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and buried a jumper with James in his face with 25 seconds left to give the Knicks a 92-87 lead.

Kyrie Irving scored 22 and Kevin Love added 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Cavs, who have some work to do before they can start thinking about any titles.

Iman Shumpert and Jason Smith had 12 points apiece for the Knicks, who were embarrassed at home on Wednesday by Chicago.

James was greeted with a thunderous ovation before the game by Cleveland fans, who had been counting down the days until the opener since he announced his return in a touching essay on July 11.

This was more than a game for Cleveland. It was a homecoming, an event and a citywide block party rolled into one.

The Knicks wrecked it.

Cleveland's best highlights came before the game.

Afraid to miss a single moment, the sold-out crowd, which included pop star Justin Bieber, Browns players Johnny Manziel and Joe Haden, and R&B artist Usher, stood as soon as James emerged from the tunnel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wiz not kidding around in Orlando

Marcin Gortat contributed 20 points and 12 rebounds to the Wizards' win in Orlando on Thursday night.
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The thing that gnawed at Washington coach Randy Wittman most about his team's season-opening loss at Miami was its lack of defensive intensity.

The Wizards took notice in their second outing of the season.

John Wall had 30 points and 12 assists, and Washington held off a late surge to beat the Orlando Magic 105-98 on Thursday night.

Marcin Gortat added 20 points and 12 rebounds. All five starters scored in double figures as Washington earned its fifth straight victory over its division rival.

"I like the way we responded," Wittman said. "We created more offence with our defence tonight than we have in eight pre-season games and last night."

The Magic trailed by three at the half, only to be outscored 28-15 in the third quarter. Orlando recovered in the fourth and rallied to trim what had been a 17-point Washington lead to two with less than a minute to play. But Wall got free for a driving layup to help preserve the victory.

"I'm basically the head of the snake on the offensive and defensive end, so (against Miami) we didn't have the same kind of intensity," Wall said. "I knew we couldn't go into the season 0-2, so I'm going to come out with more energy and play better on the defensive end."

Nik Vucevic led the Magic with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Ben Gordon added 22 points off the bench, and Evan Fournier was solid with 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting.
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NHL. Pens use shut-down powers against Kings

Marc-Andre Fleury made 35 saves in his 30th NHL shutout, and Chris Kunitz had two goals in a three-point game to lift the Penguins to a 3-0 victory over the Los Angeles Kings 3-0 on Thursday night in Pittsburgh.

Kris Letang scored his first goal of the season, and Evgeni Malkin became the fifth player in team history to register 400 assists as the Penguins used their dominant power play and a steady performance from Fleury to hand the defending champion Kings just their second regulation loss.

Pittsburgh went 2 for 6 with the man advantage, including two first-period goals that put the Kings on their heels.
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Penguins forward Chris Kunitz, left, celebrates his first of two goals against the Kings with teammate Kris Letang on Thursday night in Pittsburgh.
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NHL

Hawks' Hossa hangs 1,000th point on original NHL home

Chicago Blackhawk Marian Hossa had a memorable night in the city where his NHL career started.

Hossa had a goal and an assist in the Blackhawks' 5-4 shootout win over the Senators on Thursday in Ottawa, reaching two special milestones where he began his career back in 1997.

Hossa's goal at 13:50 of the third period was his 1,000th career point and it came in his 1,100th game in the NHL. The veteran forward started his career with the Senators, moved on to Atlanta, Pittsburgh and then Detroit before landing in Chicago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Stamkos lights up Flyers as Bolts win

Steven Stamkos had two goals and an assist, and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 on Thursday night.

Vladislav Namestnikov and Jason Garrison scored the other Lightning goals. Tampa Bay has beaten the Flyers seven straight times at home, dating to February 2011.

Wayne Simmonds, Jakub Voracek and Michael Raffl netted goals for the Flyers, who had won three in a row.

"I didn't think we had our best game, but we found a way to win," Stamkos said. "That's a good characteristic to have."
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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You have a reputation for acting on impulse but today you will show it is not entirely deserved. For best results, think about what you would like to be doing a year from now.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Just because something is popular does not mean you have to join in with it too. You are unlikely to be successful if you slavishly follow the herd.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You have strong opinions about certain issues and will make sure they get heard over the next 24 hours. You must though expect to arouse equally strong opinions in other people.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If your instincts tell you that an offer is too good to be true then you must turn it down, no matter how much others promise you will gain. There is no such thing as a sure thing.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The more difficult a task is, the more determined you will be to make a success of it. With help from Mars and Jupiter over the next few days you'll go a long way by this time next week.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is something you need and there is only one person who can give it to you, so you are going to have to ask.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
According to the planets a loved one is going through a bad patch and you alone can help them get out of it.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What others expect of you bears no relation to what you expect of yourself, so there is room for confusion. Tell them that your plans come first.

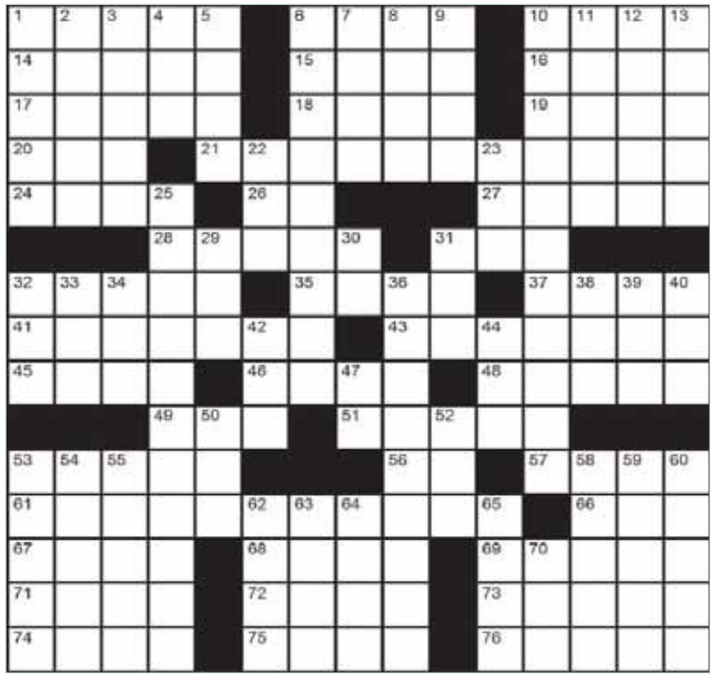
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may not realize it yet but you are on the cusp of a turning point in your life, one you will look back on in years to come and say, "That's when it started get good". Good things can happen today as well.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not enjoy the situation you find yourself in today but the good news is if you take the chance to deal with it now it won't bug you again.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may not want to hurt a friend's feelings by saying something brutal but you are beginning to realize it may be the only way to make them see sense. Time for tough love.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't be afraid to take on more duties over the next few days, especially if you are involved in a joint creative project. The deeper you get involved, the better things will turn out.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Halloween haunter
6. Commotions
10. Nero's 1104
14. Sharp object
15. "Falling Skies" star Mr. Wyle
16. First-rate
17. "He Knows You're __" (1980)
18. "Black Swan" (2010) garb
19. __ and gore
20. Canal city in Italy [abbr.]
21. 1985 Roddy McDowall thriller: 2 wds.
24. Green-__ monster
26. Hosp. drip
27. Pains
28. Sharp-__ (Like a knife)
31. Sit-ups targets
32. Ritual site
35. Nopes
37. Snaky spots
41. He died Halloween 1926
43. Halloween Treats ...chocolate bar!: 2 wds.
45. Dr. Frankenstein's helper
46. Indigo
48. __ days
49. Wrath
51. Disinfectant brand
53. Torment
56. __-Fi
57. Fight
61. 2000 Canadian horror movie: 2 wds.
66. "__ _ scientist." ...said Victor Frankenstein
67. Busy as __: 2 wds.
68. "Take ___ face value."
69. "The Birds" (1963) star Ms. Hedren
71. "__ Window" (1954)
72. "__ Fear" (1991)
73. "A Nightmare __ __ Street" (1984)
74. Slitherer's sounds
75. Broadway star Linda of Jekyll & Hyde
76. Q. "How does 'wolf' begin?" A. "With '__', _ think."

Down

1. Body's bed below
2. "The Sixth Sense" thriller: 2 wds.
29. Antiperspirant, Soft & __
30. Prosecutor, for short
31. Fireplace residue
32. Sushi tuna
33. Journal
34. Your, in Italy
36. Exorcism need: 2 wds.
38. Polit. designation
39. Three, in Tuscany
40. Prefix with 'thesis'
42. Scot's no
44. Owl's noise
47. French pronoun
50. Cereal grass
52. Small swallow
53. Petri dish gels
54. Wisecracks, variantly
55. "Is this __ __ scary?" ...horror movie chooser's query
58. "Carrie" (1976) actress Ms. Laurie
59. Plentiful
60. "The Evil Dead" (1981) director Sam
62. The Vampire Chronicles writer Anne
63. Dutch for 'city'
64. Neck's back
65. Pack
70. 'Serpent' suffix

3. __ layer
4. "The __ of Frankenstein" (1939)
5. Not kosher
6. Toxic bite treatment
7. Mr. Savant of "Godzilla" (1998)
8. Pledge
9. Closed
10. Cauldron creations: 2 wds.
11. "Ahem!"
12. Stake ___ heart (Vampire eliminator)
13. Suit pieces
22. Fix
23. Capture
25. 1988 David Cronenberg directed (1999) star, __ Joel Osment

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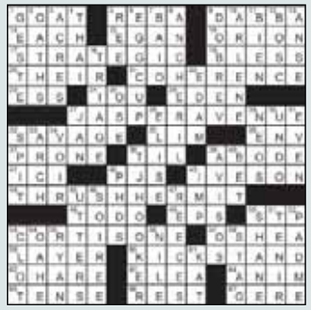

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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